Export of nuclear reactors by India

*18. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is in a position to export nuclear reactors to the developing countries;

(b) whether Government have any such proposal to export such reactors;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) by when Government propose to export nuclear reactors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) India is in a position to design and if necessary to export a research reactor for developing countries. However, this will depend upon enquiries and requests from developing countries.

(b) At present, Government have no such proposal under consideration.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Meetings of executive council of the Aligarh Muslim University

*19. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no meeting of the Executive Council of Aligarh Muslim University has been held since July 1st, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the meetings of the University Executive Council are held more frequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCAION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statute 3(3) of the Statutes of Aligarh Muslim University provides that the Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to convene or cause to be convened meetings of the Executive Council. Shri Syed Hashim Ali retired from the office of Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, on 4.10.1989. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, who is discharging the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, has not deemed it proper to convene a meeting of the Executive Council since then.

(c) The Government of India do not have any powers to direct the University to convene meetings of the Executive Council.

Cases of tree-felling

*20. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of tree-felling reported in 1990 till date from different places in Dehradun and Nainital-Terai regions; and

(b) what action Government have taken to prevent such felling of trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.